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On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of further violations of Iraqi airspace by United States aircraft for the purpose of observation and provocation during the period from 18 to 24 November 1992, during which period the said aircraft also dropped heat flares in some regions of northern Iraq, as follows:

Date		Details
18/19 November 1992	(a)	Northern region: 28 sorties at speeds ranging from 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and altitudes ranging from 3,000 to 7,000 metres. The flights were concentrated over the regions of Mosul, Arbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.
	(b)	Southern region: 48 sorties at speeds ranging from 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and altitudes ranging from 4,000 to 7,000 metres. The flights were concentrated over the regions of Nasiriyah, Samarra, Shatrah, Qurnah, Jabaliyah and Busayyah.
19/20 November 1992	(a)	Northern region: 24 sorties at speeds ranging from 600 to 800 kilometres per hour and altitudes ranging from 5,500 to 8,000 metres. The flights were concentrated over the regions of Mosul, Arbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.
	-	At 1548 hours on 19 November 1992 two United States aircraft dropped 10 flares on an area situated 10 kilometres north-east of Mosul.
	(b)	Southern region: 67 sorties flown by F-4, F-15 and F-16 aircraft at speeds ranging from 600 to 800 kilometres per hour and altitudes ranging from 4,000 to 8,000 metres. The flights were

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		concentrated over the regions of Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih, Amarah, Khidr, Qurnah, Artawi and Busayyah.
20/21 November 1992	(a)	Northern region: 10 sorties at speeds ranging from 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and altitudes ranging from 6,000 to 9,000 metres. The flights were concentrated over the regions of Mosul, Arbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.
	-	At 1050 hours on 20 November 1992 a formation of two aircraft dropped five heat flares on an area situated 25 kilometres south of Dohuk.
	(b)	Southern region: 24 sorties at speeds ranging from 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and altitudes ranging from 4,000 to 7,000 metres. The flights were concentrated over the regions of Basra, Amarah, Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Busayyah and Artawi.
21/22 November 1992	(a)	Northern region: No activity was recorded over the region during this period.
	(b)	Southern region: 61 sorties flown by F-4, F-14, F-15 and F-16 aircraft at speeds ranging from 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and altitudes ranging from 3,500 to 7,000 metres. The flights were concentrated over the regions of Amarah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Jabaliyah and Busayyah.
	-	A TR-1 aircraft conducted hostile reconnaissance from an altitude of 20,000 metres, entering the southern region at 1224 hours and leaving it at 1415 hours on 21 November 1992.
22/23 November 1992	(a)	Northern region: 24 sorties at speeds ranging from 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and altitudes ranging from 5,000 to 6,000 metres. The flights were concentrated over the regions of Mosul, Arbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Ayn Zalah and Amadiyah.
	(b)	Southern region: 106 sorties flown by F-4, F-14, F-15 and F-16 aircraft at speeds ranging from 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and altitudes ranging from 4,000 to 9,000 metres. The flights were concentrated over the regions of Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih, Busayyah, Artawi and Shatrah.

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23/24 November 1992	(a) Northern region: 22 sorties at speeds ranging from 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and altitudes ranging from 4,000 to 6,500 metres. The flights were concentrated over the regions of Mosul, Arbil, Zakho, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.
	(b) Southern region: 21 sorties flown by F-4, F-14, and F-15 at speeds ranging from 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and altitudes ranging from 4,000 to 9,000 metres. The flights were concentrated over the regions of Amadiyah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Busayyah, Salman, Qurnah and Qal'at Salih.
	- At 1520 hours on 23 November 1992 two United States aircraft dropped eight heat flares on parts of the region of Salamiyah in the Governorate of Ninawa.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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